

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) India's export of agricultural commodities and Country's total export for the last five years is as under:

Year	Country's total Exports	Total Agricultural Exports	(Rs. in crores)
			% share in Country's Exports
2001-02	209017.97	29729.61	14.22
2002-03	255137.28	34653.93	13.58
2003-04	293366.75	37266.52	12.70
2004-05	356068.88	39863.31	11.20
2005-06	454799.97	49802.92	10.95

It is evident from the table that the total agricultural exports have gone up. Share of agri-exports in the Country's total export is decreasing owing to a relatively faster growth of other sectors including Industrial Sector.

(d) Steps have been taken to increase the competitiveness of Indian agriculture, so that our exports can increase and farmers can get remunerative prices. Towards this end, the Government has introduced a number of initiatives and interventions for enhancement of production and productivity of agricultural products, which *inter alia*, include Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Horticulture Mission and Integrated Cereal Development Programmes. Schemes such as the Transport Assistance Scheme and Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana are implemented to ensure that the farmers get remunerative prices for their exports as well as increased access to the international market. Measures taken for agricultural development through enhanced capital formation, *inter alia*, included agricultural diversification; agriculture marketing infrastructure; repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies; and micro irrigation, micro finance, micro insurance and rural credit.

#### Bifurcation of FSI

1813.SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate the Fishery Survey of India (FSI);

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that FSI has not been able to provide adequate information to fishing sector in the country;
- (d) if so, whether Central Government have set up any performance targets for the FSI; and
- (e) if not, the steps proposed to set specific targets for such organizations as is being done by CSIR etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASUMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) and (d) No Sir. However, performance targets for FSI have been set up by the Government.
- (e) Does not arise.

#### **Availability of Foodgrains**

1814.SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that with a steady rise in consumption of foodgrains and other primary products, inflationary pressure may get accentuated in the absence of adequate availability;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that to cope up with the demand the farm out put will have to grow at 4 percent alongwith a change in crop pattern; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Against estimated consumption requirement of 191.17 million tonnes foodgrains for the country as a whole during 2005-06, domestic production of the same was 208.30 million tonnes. The two figures for 2004-05 were 188.38 million tonnes (consumption requirement) and 198.36 million tonnes (domestic production) respectively.